

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3864

March 20, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any municipality deriving more than 50% of its annual revenue from speeding tickets to post the speed limit on roads within its jurisdiction using blue signs. Such requirement would only become effective if the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation is advised by the Federal Highway Administrator that such signs are not a violation of federal law. Additionally, the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Less than \$25,000*

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Less than \$50,000

Assumptions:

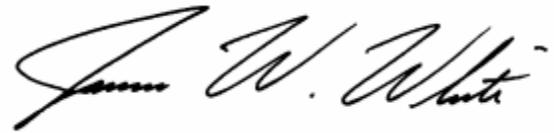
- At least one municipality meets the requirements for erecting such signs.
- The information required to make a determination concerning the amount of revenue derived by a municipality from speeding tickets is readily available and requires no additional accounting work.
- There will be an increase in local government expenditures of less than \$50,000 to purchase the signs required by the bill.
- A 24" X 30" speed limit sign costs approximately \$30.
- A 48" X 60" speed limit sign costs approximately \$100.
- There will be a decrease in local government revenues to the extent that the blue speed limit signs act as a warning to drivers who subsequently reduce their speed in these areas and therefore reduce the number of speeding citations issued.
- Such signs are in conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- The Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act are not in violation of federal law.

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*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director